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In Case of a Rupture of Diplomatic

The question here asked is doubt less in many minds this morning:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! WILL you kindly explain what the severing of dinlomate relations really means, or rather what the effect of such action is? I mean outside of the possibility of war following, is there any gain or loss to either side, and what would be the possible loss to Austria, for instance, should such a rupture occur? P. H. E.

"New York, December 17."

In the present case the severance of diplomatic relations would mean that this Government was no longer on speaking terms with the Government of Austria-Hungary: that intercourse between the two Governments, formerly conducted directly, would have to be either suspended good offices of a third party, much as tend that he knows what he is talkin the case of belligerents.

From the point of view of Washington the moral and sentimental significance of such a proceeding has aiready been explained. Secretary LANSING defined it when he reminded Austria-Hungary that the wanton slaughter of neutral non-combatants, under conditions admitted by the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty's statement, was an act which is condemned by the world as inhuman and barbarous, and which, unless there shall be disavowal and reparation, is properly destructive of good relations be tween the two countries.

What our correspondent wants to know, however, is not so much the moral significance of such action in our own view and that of the civilized neutral world as its practical effect upon the Government and people thus rebuked.

We reply that the practical effect upon Austria would depend upon the unpredictable course of events following the breaking of diplomatic relations and on the methods by which that the friendly motives which inour Government gave concrete expres- spired it were not misinterpreted. tria-Hungary.

the termination of diplomatic rela- tend to them the compliments of the tions, while not necessarily leading season, secure in the knowledge that to war, would greatly increase the we speak the thought of all our possibility of actual hostilities. In fellow citizens. case of a repetition of the incident which had been our reason for recall- Secretary Lane on the National ing the American Ambassador and sending home the representative of In the display of the resources of Austria-Hungary nothing would be the country in his annual report Secleft for us to do but to accept the retary Lanz of the Interior does not further outrage unless we were pre- forget the national parks. It is worth pared to proceed to physical acts of any man's while to turn to that part belligerency in punishing it.

That contingency need not be dis cussed. Short of war, there might roeds and other improvements to follow the twelve months notice of make them more accessible and dethe termination of the treaty of 1829. lightful. The Hon. FRANKLIN K. upon which rest our relations of amity LANE is a lover of natural scenery. and reciprocity in matters of commerce and navigation. This is a typical treaty defining the mutual rights falls, he knows how to write about of residence and trade and the mu- the things that interest him. Of the tual guaranties of security, protection and most favored nation privileges. Its comprehensive provisions cover so much of Austrian and Hun | ment has acquired, he says: garian interests within our borders and likewise so much of American interests in the territory of the empire, that the blessings of its opera- From Mount Levell one looks, as from tion and the continuity of its exist- an island, upon a tumbled sea of snowy ence are taken for granted by almost everybody, like the blessings and continued accessibility of the air we breathe. Nevertheless, the treaty is River, which in a mile drops a mile, a to believe that in a situation of a scrap of paper which can be legally water spectacle destined to world ce- grave implication the leaks would be and honorably terminated at a year's lebrity. Meeting obstructions in its plugged and the precautions essential notice. Whether the greater sufferer by the termination of this contract of amity and mutual privileges would be upright foaming arcs sometimes fifty America or Austria-Hungary is a feet in height." question for the students of immigration and trade statistics.

We have more than half a dozen other treaties with Austria-Hungary relating respectively to the disposal of property, to consular jurisdiction, to extradition, to naturalization, to trade mark and copyright reciprocity and to arbitration. None of these amicable argreements is entirely consonant with a state of affairs in which one party has declined to continue to recognize the other as entitled to the benefits of good relations that rest upon a common regard for the principles of humanity.

denunciation of our treaties with inauguration in 1872, the natural and vice taken out of politics and filled Austria-Hungary ought to follow a inevitable centre of game conservation with competent men promoted for rupture of diplomatic relations. We for this nation." are only answering a correspondent. Already the elk, says the Secre- a robust American of experience and who inquires whether there could be tary, are too abundant, and speci- character is needed in the Mexican

Governor Whitman's Tax.

It was conclusively shown last man State tax of \$19,000,000 unneces. sary but that ordinary prudence and foresight would avoid any direct State forth then, are confirmed now in Comptroller Trayis's estimates of rev. and bear and bighorn as permanent himself in a trying period. enues and expenditures for next year which were made public this week.

The Republicans at Albany did not intend to levy a heavy direct State tax for next year. A State and a national election will be held next fall and the Republicans want to win them. The Whitman tax discredited the Democratic administrators; the reduction or expunging of the Whitman tax is depended on to bolster up Republican credit generally and the Whitman fame specifically.

Last week Governor WHITMAN Was widely quoted as predicting that for next year the State tax would not be more than a third of the impost for this year. Governor WHITMAN did not deny this until after Comptroller Travis had gone it \$6,000,000 better by announcing that no State tax would be needed for 1917. Immediately after Mr. Travis's prognostication was issued Governor WHITMAN disowned in the familiar phraseology of a virtuous politician who desires to straighten an unfortunate kink in his record the prophecy attributed to him.

The Governor's latest bulletin or his financial upsurgings will be read with these facts in mind: the Whit man ambition is for the Republican nomination for President, but if that to run for Governor again: Comp nomination for Governor: Mr. Travis must not be allowed to get any advantage out of his computations of Germanic-Bulgarian forces. income and outgo.

Mr. TRAVIS suffers under one serifinances with Mr. WHITMAN. The ing about.

Wilson-Galt.

Mr. Wilson and his bride-or whom, that no favorable omen shall be lacking in the nuptial celebration at Washington to-day, THE SUN specifically shines this morning, regardless of the meteorological conditions said, are some valuable, unexplored prevailing on the banks of the Potomac-have comported themselves admirably since the announcement of their engagement under somewhat difficult circumstances.

The unavoidable publicity, the in rushes of fools, the advices of th simple, the interventions of the malicious: a thousand incidental irritants from which men and women less conspicuously placed are free they have endured with equanimity and good nature. Their unaffected attitude in public has pleased their 100,000,000 neighbors; and if some of these have been too impulsive in the exhibition of their interest the demeanor of its objects has given proof

We congratulate Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Galt; we wish for them long ings in the Balkans would give them It is useless to blink the fact that happiness and prosperity; and we ex-

Parks.

of the report in which he passes them in review and urges the building of and, fortunately for those into whose hands the account of his stewardship new Yosemite reached by the Tiogal dential message committed to the road, which, thanks to Mr. STEPHEN T. MATHER and others, the Govern-

"This is a Yosemite far different from the quiet, incomparable valley. It is a land of forests, snows and glaciers. peaks. Its lakes, many of which have never been fished, are alive with trout. And through it foams the Tuolumne slanting rush, the water now and again to orderly progress in vital undertakrises almost perpendicularly, forming ings enforced.

It is difficult for one who has not seen America first to decide which he would prefer to visit, if his time be limited, Yosemite or the Yellowstone Park. If JOHN MUIR is a favorite author it will be Yosemite of the Sierras; but if the traveller is a naturalist his choice will be Yellowstone, of which Mr. LANE Says:

"Its great size, its altitude, its vast the taxpayers' money? wilderness, its plentiful waters, its favorable conformation of rugged mountain and sheltered valley and the nearly perfect protection afforded by the policy HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER as Ambasand the scientific care of the Govern- sador to Mexico will please every one We are not suggesting that the ment have made this park, since its who wants to see the diplomatic ser-

residents. Then there is Glacier Park Mr. Wilson is the third President peaks looking into natural mirrors at HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER and rethat wonderful gorge. He proposes other Spanish American republic. also that the great highway completed by the State of Oregon along

with Mount Hood. icans who this year took in the San own country with wonder and delight. The audience that Secretary LANE addresses is therefore increased by thousands of enthusiastic citizens and he will have their approval for those national park improvements which he recommends.

Italy Crosses Into Afbania.

The size of the Italian army lamed n Albania is not stated, but the reports indicate that it is sufficient for either offensive or defensive oper- are personally conducted in Julis in is unattainable, he naturally wants ations. While it may ultimately co- the fighting; they are allowed to see perate with the Allies in an advance troller TRAVIS is a candidate for the into the Balkans it is probable that its present purpose is to oppose the is the judge. Even this experience is invasion of Albania threatened by the

An invasion of Albania would be ous handicap in a controversy over an invasion of her own territory; for visitors back with whole skins as well here she has for years opposed Aus- as to make sure that they can do no or circultously managed through the State Comptroller must at least pre- tria and centred her plans of ex- harm afterward with their pens. pansion. There is no doubt that afment of interests in Albania. The culty of establishing a rule for the written about the war from the skirts people, and a partition of the terri- of it, but the war correspondent, as tory is not unlikely.

> Scutari, have been held since the beginning of the war by Italy.

For the Teutonic allies to add Albania to Serbia and their other hold- reasonable strong political pawns in the diplomatic game. The Kaiser could throw office of a suffragette newspaper. It to his brother-in-law Constantine a was too outspoken about British mil-much coveted prize in southern Albania, the Epirus. With this in their possession the Greeks would control the value of the harbors of Valona bells. and Durazzo to the Italians.

Self-interest may, thus, be forcing Italy into the Balkans. Nevertheless, her appearance in Albania becomes important: she definitely anto confine herself to the recovery of keep quiet. her lost provinces.

Preparedness Without an Appro-

priation. It is credibly reported that in the present juncture of affairs no conficustody of official Washington is exwhom it is most important to keep its contents secret.

For years it has been notorious that the alleged privacy of certain and reproofs. departments was purely formal and literary, bearing no relation whatever to the practical performance of their duties. There have, however, been some Americans so innocent as

These unsophisticated citizens ap pear to be in error. The dictates of prudence have not been heeded. In a passion for preparedness a fundamental element of efficiency has been utterly disregarded. Can this contempt for ordinary caution be attributable to the fact that in this particular complete immunity from a serious menace might be obtained by the exercise of common sense without the expenditure of a single dollar of

The Ambassador to Mexico.

President Wilson's appointment of merit. It is satisfactory also because

any actual and material loss to Aust mens will be distributed to State pre- capital. Mr. Fletches, who is now tria in the event of the formal with- serves. The antelope census shows Ambassador to Chile, at the age of rapid breeding. A Yellowstone bear, 42, answers the description. A Rough as visitors know, is one of the most Rider and Philippine volunteer, he ubiquitous and sociable of animals, entered the diplomatic service through in fact a pensioner of the hotels. But the door of competitive examination, winter that not only was the Whit- other reservations call the nature and without political influence of any lover. There is the Rocky Mountain kind reached his present post by hard National Park, recently opened. It is work and sheer ability. As secretary on the Continental Divide seventy of legation at Pekin the time came tax. These contentions, lucidly set miles from Denver, has an area of when he had to exercise the functions 350 square miles, contains 200 lakes, of Ambassador, and he distinguished

in Montana, crowded with unnamed who has recognized the capacity of their feet. Every American should warded him. Evidently the Presisee Sequola Park in California. Sec- dent was seeking the right man for retary Lane recommends that the the Mexican mission, or he would not home of the great redwoods be ex- have decided upon his own Ambassatended to take in the Kern River Can- dor to Chile. It is clearly a case of yon, or the lumber kings will spoil promotion for work well done in an-

By this time Mr. FLETCHER must understand the Latin temperament the Columbia River be connected and the Spanish American politician. In dealing with the problems that It is estimated that more than will confront him the moment he sets \$100,000,000 usually spent in Euro- foot in the city of Mexico he will pean travel has been turned into the begin with a clean slate and without coffers of the railroad companies, the a handicap of any kind, for he is hotels and kindred interests by Amer- non-partisan diplomat and under obligations to no one. Mr. Wilson has Francisco exposition and saw their made an appointment that seems exceptionally good.

The Combatant War Writer. Moral courage is an attribute justly

neld in high esteem. Mr. JAMES Barnes of Princeton and Africa deserves to be decorated for telling the war scribes, at the dinner of the Society of Illustrators that there is "no such animile" nowadays as the way correspondent. Not if the General Staffs know it. Visitors to the front only what it is proper for them to see, and of this the local commander sometimes attended with danger, for the range of a field gun is long and shells are no respecters of persons almost as serious a blow to Italy as But the intention is to send these

There is no such thing to-day, a ter the war there will be an adjust- any rate in the great war, as following a campaign in the field and writ failure of the Government of the ing about it from day to day for pub Prince of Wien has shown the diffi- lieution. Much of interest may be he used to be known, is about as ex In the mountainous interior, it is tinct as the dodo or the great auk.

Nevertheless, a literature of per mineral deposits. The only land cap- sonal experience will flower richly able of agricultural development is after the struggle. It will be the in the valleys and along the sea. A work of men of imagination and senfew of the towns, Elbasan, Tirana timent who fought in the trenches and Koritza, have possibilities as and underwent the nerve wracking, market centres. But the possession soul shaking ordeal of battle. Pri of the coast is the chief ambition of vates as well as officers will conthe contending nations. Valona, on tribute, for there are those in the the south, is one of the greatest nat- thick of it who can use the pen with ural harbors of southern Europe. Du- the ease and realism of any of the razzo was a great port in Roman famous correspondents, Russell, Mc times and the western terminus of the GAHAN or ARCHIBALD FORBES. Al Via Egnatia. Medua is a well sheltered ready this literature is in the bud anchorage, and Scutari, in the north, From time to time something with could be easily connected with the moving appeal comes out of the black sea by dredging the Boyani. All of cloud behind which guns are booming these ports, with the exception of and men are dying for love of coun

Austria seems to be too proud to be

The London police have raided the secrets even in war time?

It is to be hoped that the melody both shores of the island of Corfu of the marriage bells will not be deand be in a position to neutralize stroyed by the clangor of the alarm

The retirement of General Francy is worth as much as a hundred thou sand fresh troops to the Allies.

The doctors are worrying over the nounces that she is to do something high cost of bromides. They realize for the general cause and not merely that at this crisis everybody ought to

> Italy has begun to buy war materia n this country for 1917. Haven't th Italians any regard for HENRY FORD's

leader. There are few men in the empt from exposure to those from nation who measure up to her stateswomanlike stature.

> The State Department seems to be thoroughly prepared with both proofs

KANSAS NEEDS NO LABOR. Has All the Workers It Wants, It Officials Declare.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir printed a news despatch on December 6, recording the alleged shortage in farm labor in Kansas. The subjoined from the State's Free Employment Clerk corrects the erroneous impression this Statement may have created.

WILLIAM M. BOSMAN.
IRVINGTON, N. J., December 16.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry relative to general farm work in Kan sas, at this time we have more idle men than we know what to do with.

The article in the papers is mislead ing and did not come from this office C. H. DANNER.

Topeka, Kan., December 10. aden with Peace a steamer sailed, And all was love on board

white flag to the meethead nailed Above grim waters soared. White doves were on the decks and poo Peace poems were read at night, The sweetest talking looped the loop

The word most damned was "fight." But human nature's much the same, Hate's quite as strong as love Are men who fight so much to blame? Just watch a dove kill dove!

The doves upon that steamer fought, The pilgrims raged and swore As Poe sings: "Nevermore!"

HE LIVED LONG AGO. Authentic Biographical Notes on

Foolhardy New Yorker. German Point of View. Once upon a time there lived a man in New York who foolishly took upon

himself the responsibility of caring for himself. If it was necessary for him to go to go up town, he made the best of an annoying congestion of migratory bipeds, sought to stand on his own feet, ital is being slowly consumed. refrained from denunciation of Incidentally a few cautious hints are transportation companies, and re-strained his impulse to crowd and the gold reserve of the Austro-Hunga-

Rum called him between acts, he kept his seat until the curtain fell, and was punctilious about returning before it went up again. His seat being in the tional Bank, the Egyptian National Bank, the Indian Currency Remiddle of a row, he did not charge to serve and the Argentine Conversion the aisle before his neighbors had a Fund? In spite of such confiscations the aisle before his neighbors had a chance to arrange unobstructed passage for him. By this conduct he avoided treading on several thousand toes, and in all his life he never knocked a woman's hat to the floor.

At street crossings, whether he was driving his high powered, richly upholstered motor or progressing on shank's mare, he waited patiently for the traffic policeman to direct his movements, and thus missed the great movements, and thus missed the great movements, and thus missed the great privilege of frequently getting in their gold holdings is limited by t other people's way. And this he did amount of coin circulating in the differ-in perfect good temper, never threat-ening to have the patrolman disci-ing forbidden the exportation of gold. plined for holding him to observance According to the statistics of the Direc-of the rules, or boasting about his tor of the United States Mint England

pened to enjoy. in snops he did not attempt to dis-play his superiority to salesmen by bullying them, or to pretty saleswomen statements of the British Chancellor of by making eyes at them; and when he the Exchequer saying that English private banks were still holding 551 million saw an article he liked he said so, without picking flaws in it, or saying that it was not as good as one he bought eighteen years ago when shop-stock of the Bank of England can be inkeepers were honest.

take him to establishments whose British Government contemplates high prices were high, and in which visipocketbooks wide, he did his part with-out complaint, and he was never known to protest in a Fifth avenue restaurant because the term of the synopsis of the status of the different banks as given by your correspondent may be granted, as no means for verification are at my He did not pretend to know more when he was in doubt he sought and

better informed than he was. dissatisfaction over his treatment in public and private places was to speak privately to the person in authority without calling him a fool or a thief;

of the notion that vintage champagne ments of the Bank of England. petites to the possibilities of his in-come in a manner that afforded him The cash in hand of the Bank of

the utmost satisfaction. In the days when table d'hote dinused garlic in dishes from which he would have excluded it.

suggest the contempt in which he was held. Yet so great was the tolerance of his fellow New Yorkers that they restrained their wrath against metal

At length, however, there came a the streets, interfered with the sched-

started for work an hour earlier than usual. He did not condemn the Street that the much heralded "loan of the first one and a half years. with strings, buttoned up his coat and pected that the much heralded "loan of started for work an hour earlier than

normal, of weak intellect, a menace to the public welfare and otherwise

This happened many years ago There has never been another New Yorker venturesome enough to try to are cautious on account of the strictness imitate this foolbardy man.

Captain Condon's Eventful Career.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: The

What Gouverneur Morris Did Say. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir; On page 8 of this morning's Sun in the article "War Writers Talk," &c., I have been grossly maligned. It is said that I limited my talk to one sentence in which I said that I had not taken sides in the

NEW YORK, December 17. December 18. Knicker-What is going on to-day? Bocker-Watchful waiting at the church.

A Maine Utopia. From the Lewiston Journal Verona Island is a town, but it has no awyer, doctor, minister, undertaker, pauper or post office.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: H. Umsted reviewed the status of the Germany has succeeded in creating a uni the worst of the three, and repeats the oft heard opinion that Germany's cap-

hove his fellow sufferers.

On the occasions when his desires explicitly denied by the Secretary of the led him to the theatre he arrived be-fore the curtain rose. If the Demon Rum called him between acts, he kept

of the rules, or boasting about his acquaintance with the Mayor, the Commissioner of Police, the Head Dog Catcher, or other powerful and eminent men whose friendship he happened to enjoy. ions. France, however, led with approx-imately 1,100 millions. These figures Received the Bank of England can be inscock of the Bank of England can be inscock

known to protest in a Fifth avenue as no means for verification are at my restaurant because the tariff was disposal. A few remarks, however, seem necessary.

Russia's financial position cannot be a about wines, or diamonds, or automo- subject of serious discussion at the pres-bile engines than he really knew, and ent time, as the Czar's Government has virtually declared bankruptcy by defaulting in the payment of interest on the Russian loans. Russia's gold treasollowed the advice of men who were the Russian loans. Russia's gold treas-the restriction in making known his if she should fulfil her obligations as an honest debtor.

As an asset of the Bank of England

your correspondent gives an amount of 138.7 million dollars, labelled as gold for treasury notes. This item is of a understandings simple and easy.

Early in life he disabused his mind of the notion that viriage champages. should be sold for the price of domes-eliminating that item the gold stock is the beer, and bearing this fact always in mind he was able to orient his ap-the notes are only covered to a propor-

England consists not only in gold, but, as the reports say, in coin and bullion, In the days when table d'hote din-thus including sometimes large sums ners engaged his fancy he did not of silver money, the intrinsic value of heap curses on Italians because they which is much less than the face value.

The same reserve, only much stronger has to be made in regard to the Bank of These briefly outlined habits suffi-ciently indicate the singular perverse-ness of his character, and adequately amounts of them are stored in the vaults of the French bank. The proportion of the cover is considerably influenced by the masses of the overvalued white metal. It should moreover not be for-It should moreover not gotten that the liquidity of the Bank At length, however, there came a beavy fall of snow which obstructed the streets, interfered with the schedules of the transportation lines and last to 16,000,000,000 francs, besides generally demoralized the orderly life of the city.

The strange and perverted New Yorker stuck his feet into goloshes, tied his trousers around his ankles with strings, buttoned up his coat and pected that the much heralded "loan of the composition of the county where the with strings, buttoned up his coat and loan of the control of the county where the control of the inmates of almshouses and charitable institutions out the interest of the composition to long the loan of the plain duty of Mrs. Catt to bring the honesty of the characterization the matter to the attention of the District Attorney of the county where the crimes were committed.

The other prize winners are

Cleaning Commissioner, or denounce your correspondent's synopsis by including the operators of the railroads, or pretend that he could have done better the notes issued by the war loan banks, than any of them had done. He entraction the notes issued by the war loan banks are not in direct than the hadden banks are not in the hadden banks. deavored to keep his temper, refused to look upon every man he met in the street as a personal enemy, and went about his business with as much good nature as he could muster.

Thereupon the populace fell upon

Thereupon the populace fell upon deavored to keep his temper, refused the wall load state of the look upon every man he met in the connection with the Reichsbank. If the Bridge fails to catch the full significance the door of a house. It is hard and of the Connecticut deer law. To impose tographic in execution and will not the portfolio of the Reichsbank contains of the Connecticut deer law.

banks as an asset, not as a liability. The business of the loan banks is purely collateral; the notes issued therefore represent real securities and the good foundation of the loan bank notes should not be questioned. Their transactions of the rules concerning the evaluation of the collaterals. At the same time this collateral basis implies that the securi-ties cannot decrease without an equivancement in THE SUN of the death lent decrease in the amount of notes. feelings?

announcement in The Sun of the death of Captain Edward O'Meagher Condon speaks of him as one of Ireland's great-busined in the country upon their choice of Mrs. this country upon their choice of Mrs. Carreir Carreir Chapman Carreir as national leader. There are few men in the Carreir Carrei

prior to 1861 and served through the civil war. After the surrender of General Lee to Grant he returned to Ireland and became a prominent leader in the Fenian movement of 1867. He was tried for treason and sentenced to die with Allen, Larken and O'Brien at Manchester, but owing to his American citizenship Captain Condon's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

He served eleven years in the British prison at Portland, at the end of which time he was pardoned and exiled from England. His pardon was obtained through the activity of friends in this country, who petitioned the United States Senate to have him released.

After he had been released in 1879 he kertented to America again and took up

at Gouverneur Morris Did Say.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: On 8 of this morning's Sun in the artilay maligned. It is said that I limmy talk to one sentence in which I that I had not taken sides in the What I said, and it took more where the same period. What I said, and it took more consequence one sentence to say it, was just the same period. Whereas the same period, whereas the three nations are a straw showing to the direction of the wind. English come reduced by one-third to one-fourth of their former numbers.

The deer are as much God's creatures as are the cattle or the sheep are as much God's creatures are the cattle or the sheep are as much God's creatures are the cattle or the sheep are as much God's creatures as are the cattle or the sheep are as much God's creatures as are the cattle or the authority to the effect that a man doesn't take sides is a species of k.

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Gouverneur Morris. ported from neutral stock exchanges are too obviously "made in England." Pro-spective purchasers have been unable to

> military defeat after the other. bearing upon this assertion the recent slump in the great Franco-British loan In America needs but mentioning.
>
> If I do not trespass too much upon your space I should like to caution Mr. Umsted and other readers against im-

But such news is supposed to have a cheering effect in countries suffering one

ny a single bond at the quoted

THE WAR OF THE SPECIE
VAULTS.

Beiligerent Finances From a ProGerman Point of View.

parting too much importance to the juggling of figures practised by allied financial experts. As far as economics is
concerned the present war will not be
won by accumulated wealth but by the
productive power of the belligerent na-WINTER EXHIBITION tions. Though even neutral Americans purposely turn their eyes away from the

fact, it remains nevertheless true verse of her own. For her industries well as for the feeding of the pop rentral banks in Germany, Eusand the conclusion that Germany's financial position is far the worst of the three, and repeats the markets, neither does she depend upon accumulated stocks, but her own soil and release have proved adequate abor and science have proved adequ to her needs. As long as she can exist upon this self-supporting basis she is not consuming capital, but daily creating new capital if we take the word in its

rue meaning as a means of production Her enemies are really the ones wi consume their capital, having to find money to pay for huge importations from all the corners of the earth without being able to keep up adequate exporta-tions. They are indeed burning both end f the economic candle.
R. J. OBERFOHREN.

NEW YORK, December 17.

BUYING LOBSTERS, PAYING FREIGHT. Correspondent Finds an Analogy in the Two Transactions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNportation of ocean freight is a bought in an open, competitive Even if Mr. Ballard were cor-inis figures—and James McG. submits a strong case to the Brown submits a strong case to the ance' with sufficient eclat contrary—Mr. Ballard's conclusions at that he will have a future. waste caused by American ship-

s a payment for a value received.

Bananas could be grown in Maine or It is called "The Offering" and North Dakota, and doubtless would be young mother is seated with an infantif it were not too expensive to do so if it were not too expensive to do so in competition with Central American planters. The United States could build ships with tonnage enough to carry all thorne paints would do so if our shippers could buy transportation at a cost satisfactory

to them.
Using Mr. Ballard's arguments, a shoe maker could be blamed for not tanning his leather, the diner at a lobster pal-ace for not catching and broiling his Expensive as his dinner is

If our laws allowed an American t buy any ship he wanted, wherever he found it, or to import from any market whose price and terms satisfied him the materials with which to build ships without in either case being taxed fo his temerity, we might have a big men chant fleet

Provided, however, that even under such blessed conditions of freedom it would profit us more to buy or build a fleet than to hire a fleet from foreign owners. Under conditions prevailing for owners. the past half century those foreigner have been as much better circumstanced than we to provide tonnage as the owner of a Penobscot Bay lobster trap is better able to provide lobsters than is the diner in a Broadway restaurant,

NEW YORK, December 17.

ALMSHOUSE VOTERS. Mrs. Catt Should Report All Such to the District Attorney.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: TH Sun contained an article quoting Mrs. strokes have always been sw. Carrie Chapman Catt in her statements have not always been sure. T Carrie Chapman Catt in her statements made to the Senate Committee on Woman Suffrage at Washington December 15. Among other things she is reported as having said that "in many preclicts of New York voters were so ignorant that they had to be aided in casting their they had to be aided in casting their than the committee of the portrait is as clever as Missis." they had to be aided in casting their they had to be aided in casting their ballots." This no doubt is true, not so much among the poorer or illiterate element as she would have us believe, but in the election districts where the highly educated reside, as the statistics.

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Alden Welt. It is of an elderly we will prove.

She also stated that "all the inmates of the almshouses and all the paupers were voted by the machine to beat our brilliant colors of Mr. Weir's pa amendment." What machine voted these people? Were not the two major parties neutral? Also, if the inmates of the composition, a continuous of the composition, a

THE BRONK, December 17.

Germany's position is rendered bad in CONNECTICUT'S DEER LAW. Extermination, and Not Protection, won the second Altman prize Seems to Be Its Object. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I

deer of our State are not a pest, and they never have been a pest. They were a valuable asset to the State. While I Lawson's Is Best Landscape. believe it would have been wisdom as winter landscape by Ern well as justice had the State always is the best landscape in the fully paid the farmer for any and all injury done to his property by deer, I am willing to stake my existence that the deer of Connecticut have not done one-tenth the amount of damage of which they have been accused. But known as the "values" are whatever may have been their depredation there has been no possible excuse F. C. Frieseke's larger the present law. It is a law of exby the services he has rendered both to his own country and to the United States.

Captain Condon came to New York prior to 1861 and served through the civil war. After the surrender of General Lee to Grant he returned to Ireland eral Lee to Grant he returned to Ireland cand became a prominent leader in the surrender of the cover of the German bank notes rises to 40.5 per cent. thus bank notes rises to 40.5 per cent. The results are respectively by those who in the returned to Ireland the returned to Irel the land decorative work he has shown

After he had been released in 1879 he returned to America again and took up newspaper work. He later became a supervising architect at Washington, which post he filled successfully until the time of his last illness.

When Captain Condon was condemned to die he was asked if he had anything to say. The answer he made has become a slogan in Ireland.

P. J. M.

New York, December 17.

What Gauvernaur Morris BM Sa-

war. What I said, and it took more than one sentence to say it, was just the opposite. Furthermore I quoted an eminoposite. Furthermore I quoted an eminoposite. The abnormally low ninths per cent. The abnormally low one all humane peoples one a large Chinese, the condemnation of all humane peoples. F. Powers. WESTPORT, Conn., December 16.

The Revolt of the Hyphen.

I've carried syllables by the ton Words countless I've completed But now I think my race is run-l'il have myself deleted. I've cased the jumps for many me-

1 won't be so confounded

J. J. M.

ception for its members and friends. As usual there were music and the lively interchange of greetings between the 'Who's Who in Art" who assembled large numbers at this function for the first time this winter. There was no however, much excitement or li

been placed on display. The exhibition, in fact, lacks spiri There are no paintings or sculptures that make the pretence of greatness there are none even that will be No single artist who exhib exceeds his own past performances no new artist makes a "first appear ance" with sufficient eclat to sugges

pers paying freight to foreign ship owners are, in my opinion, unwarranted.
The payment of a freight charge is a payment for a value received as surely as the payment for a cargo of bananas were awarded to Charles W. Haw were awarded to Charles W. Haw side, one with a basket of fish a other with a small land fishing villages and wishes to s not bolize the resignation of these tory to the severities of the life theirs.

The mother and the child have halos Unfortunately it takes more than a halo or two to make a religious picture. other artist in the corner of the fous effort by a painter who was aw into humbleness of spirit by the me offers have been painted with picture is constrained to a degree colors and the paint have be tists say, "teased." Aside from all ques-tions of technique, however, the picture offends because sentimentality

Miss Beaux Deserves Prize Miss Cecilia Beaux won the \$200

mine tippet and toque, who sits w with one glove on and one glove of a table in a room that is lightly sket in, but which is also unmistakably so This work decidedly deserves a ing in the exhibition. Miss Bear been interested in putting in t at her command, and where:

zel. Mr. Garber is one of the academical landscapists and t be relied upon to submit somet with a figure piece, a little girl transparent dress, whose fig houetted through the draft

A winter landscape by Ernest Lawse

Max Bohm sent his large

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English Household Equipment Sale Nets \$7.365

A Hepplewhite mahogany buffet \$100; an inlaid Queen Anne wa room suite, \$250; two old Fren of red marble, \$124, and a wa cane Charles II. reception Among the buyers were M Astor Chanler, Mrs. Andrew M Mrs. M. K. Wilmerding, M. Dr. A. L. Wolff, Dr. He Stewart, Jr., of N. J. : E. L. chins, A. Kennedy and S drews.

ing Day Fails to Show Unusual Works. LARGE CROWD ATTENDS

The annual winter exhibition of the

National Academy of Design opens

vesterday with the varnishing day

LACKING IN SPIRIT

National Academy's Varnish.